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SUBJ: RECEIPT OF COUNTERVAILING DUTY PETITION--STEEL FROM  
UK, W. GERMANY, FRANCE, BELGIUM, ITALY, LUX. AND NETHERLANDS

1. THE U.S. STEEL CORPORATION FILED A PETITION SEPTEMBER 18 WITH THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT ALLEGING THAT CERTAIN STEEL IMPORTS FROM THE ABOVE MENTIONED COUNTRIES RECEIVE "BOUNTIES OR GRANTS" WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE U.S. COUNTERVAILING DUTY LAW. WHILE TREASURY HAS NOT HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO FULLY EXAMINE THE PETITIONS WHICH ARE QUITE LENGTHY, THE ALLEGATIONS AT THIS TIME APPEAR TO BE THAT BOUNTIES OR GRANTS ARE PAID IN THE FORM OF THE FINAL STAGE REBATE OF THE VALUE ADDED TAX AND THE IMPOSITION OF SUCH TAXES ON STEEL PRODUCED IN AMERICA AND SHIPPED INTO THOSE COUNTRIES. U.S. STEEL ISSUED A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT SEPTEMBER 18, 1975 THAT IT IS FILING A COUNTERVAILING DUTY PETITION.

2. AS POSTS AWARE FROM PREVIOUS CABLES OUTLINING COUNTERVAILING DUTY PROCEDURES, TREASURY IS REQUIRED UNDER THE LAW TO ISSUE A PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT A BOUNTY OR GRANT IS BEING PAID WITHIN SIX MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF RECEIPT OF THE PETITION AND A FINAL DETERMINATION WITHIN TWELVE MONTHS FROM THAT DATE. TREASURY MUST FIRST DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO INITIATE A FULL SCALE INVESTIGATION. IF IT DECIDES TO DO SO, A NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF

COUNTERVAILING DUTY PETITION AND INITIATION OF INVESTIGATION WILL BE PUBLISHED. IF IT IS DECIDED NOT TO INITIATE AN INVESTIGATION, TREASURY WILL SO INFORM THE PETITIONER BY LETTER, INDICATING THE REASONS FOR ITS DECISION. POSTS SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO DECISION AS YET BY TREASURY TO INITIATE A FORMAL COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATION IN THE STEEL CASE, AND THAT IT MAY BE SEVERAL WEEKS BEFORE SUCH DETERMINATION IS MADE. TREASURY IS FULLY AWARE OF THE IMPLICATIONS THAT SUCH AN INVESTIGATION WOULD HAVE FOR OUR TRADE RELATIONS WITH THE EC. POSTS SHOULD STRESS THAT USG HAS NO CONTROL OVER THE FILING OF PETITIONS FOR RELIEF FROM UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES AND THAT TREASURY MUST FULFILL THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTERVAILING DUTY LAW WHICH CALL FOR INITIATION OF

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